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USDA LOAN GIVES ADULT DAY CARE FACILITY A PERMANENT HOME

Burlington---For the last two years, Skagit Adult Day Care has conducted a capital campaign to generate funds to purchase the facility they have been leasing. The money raised was leveraged with funding from USDA Rural Development to assure them a permanent home, providing the only services of its kind in the Skagit County area.

The campaign fund drive raised over \$55,600 from local donations and foundations toward the purchase of the facility. The USDA Rural Development recently announced the approval of a Community Facilities loan of \$215,500 to complete the financing for the purchase. "USDA Rural Development is proud to be working with Skagit Adult Day Care to secure this vital community service," said Jackie J. Gleason, Washington Rural Development Director. The purchase of the facility, located at 116 North Skagit Street in Burlington, provides surety to the organization that it will continue to provide this important service for the communities of Burlington, Sedro Woolley, Mount Vernon, Anacortes, La Conner and the surrounding area for the foreseeable future. The loan will allow the non-profit organization to focus its energy and resources on providing the very best service possible for local residents.

In Fiscal Year 2002, USDA Rural Development provided over \$3.6 million in loans to assist rural communities in Washington to develop essential community facilities. USDA Rural Development serves as the lead federal entity for rural development needs and administers financial and technical assistance through three agencies: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Utilities Service. To learn more about the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program, contact Jan Cyr in Mt. Vernon at 360-428-4322, Ext. 151, or on-line at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/wa.